

Spirit Express



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From the Heart ♥ (from May 2005)

The longer I serve as Spiritual Teacher here at UCPC, the more I am convinced of these two truths.

First, Divine Order does not fail! Our universe is organized and sustained by a cosmic intelligence that has our best interests at heart. When we learn to trust the universe to give us exactly what we need, and let go so that Spirit can work its magic, the highest possibilities for all of life's situations can emerge with grace.

Second, each of us has something significant to give to the world. Each of us is a Divine Being of Light encased in human form. When we learn how to love the Divine part of who we are, we can free up our hidden gifts and talents that they may be shared with the world.

Our community values the gifts that each of us brings to the table. We need the vision, the love, the talents and the perspective of each member of this community to make this church work. What a joy it is to watch our church grow as more and more individuals are called to share their gifts for the greater good of all concerned. Connected to our God-Selves, we are an unstoppable force for Good in the world!

Love, *Mark*

Board Bulletin

We are a strong vibrant community and blessed by the shared leadership and committed action of our vibrant members! Hallelujah!

On February 11, our spiritual teacher had a heart attack and many of us, unexpectedly, stepped into an unfamiliar world of managing the day-to-day operations and needs of Unity Center of Peace Church. Join me in acknowledging: UCPC's office manager, Mariah Wheeler for her commitment and willingness to dance through the storm, our Lay Ministers for stewarding the spiritual wellbeing of our community; Helen Spielman and Mark Smith for harmonizing our musical ministry and choir; and the entire Board of Trustees for their guardianship of our beautiful community.

At our Community Meeting in April, the Interim Planning Team (IPT), an ad hoc advisory committee activated by the Board to consider interim staffing, congregational support & needs, legal & financial issues, presented their recommendations to UCPC members. Members engaged in a conversation to consider 4 proposed interim staffing options (for a 6 - 12 month period). Members were invited to complete a survey to provide their perspectives on an interim staffing plan moving forward. Individuals interested in serving as an interim staff, were invited to provide a letter of intent and a resume. The Board of Trustees will assemble this information and present it at our May Community Meeting. Ultimately, our goal is to discuss and adopt an interim staffing plan at that time.

If you would like more information about this or are interested in supporting the needs of our community by serving on the Community Support, Finance, or Administration Care Teams (created to assist the Board), please contact Julie Cusatis at 402-0878 or jcusatis@earthlink.net. In the meantime, I affirm that the highest good is unfolding now in our community and in our world!

Julie Cusatis
Vice President, Board of Trustees

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Inreach – Intention to connect with each other	Board Steward: TBA
Outreach – Intention to connect with the community	Board Steward: Sofianna Solem
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OUR MISSION

The Mission of Unity Center of Peace Church is to be a safe space and community for all of us to honor our likenesses and differences as expressions of Divine Love. We express this love by creating a balance between inner being and outer actions.

OUR VISION

Unity Center of Peace Church is a community that acknowledges the sacredness in all creation manifested through the Christ Consciousness within each of us. We live in honesty and integrity. We are a self-creating community that constantly evolves as the individual members grow and change.



FLOWER POWER!

During this glorious Spring, when nature bursts into bloom, I want to recognize and appreciate our floral team: Rietta Couper, Bobbie Hayes, Nancy Smith-Krauss, Machai St. Rain, John Thomas, Mary Thomas, and Mariah Wheeler. These are creative and generous individuals who serve our church by contributing beauty, serenity, and a universal language of peace to our worship services.

We'd love you to join our team if you'd like to bring flowers, even on a very occasional basis. Contact me at church, or 929-4520, or hbs@email.unc.edu.

Happy Spring!

Helen Spielman
 Floral Coordinator

"50 Simple Things You Can Do To Save The Earth"
USE A CLEAN DETERGENT

BACKGROUND: Phosphates, chemical compounds containing phosphorous, are found in most detergents. Manufacturers use them because they soften water and prevent dirt particles from being redeposited on clothes.

Unfortunately, there are severe ecological side-effects. As phosphates empty into streams and lakes, they cause "algae bloom" i.e. They fertilize algae to the point where it grows out of control. When the algae dies (in its natural cycle), the bacteria that cause it to decay ~ a process requiring huge amounts of oxygen ~ use up the oxygen needed by other plants and marine life to survive. The result: Lakes and streams can die.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

SIMPLE THINGS TO DO:

- **Use a little less detergent.** According to Consumer Reports magazine, manufacturers recommend more detergent than necessary.
- **Use a low-phosphate, or phosphate-free detergent.** Liquid detergents are generally phosphate-free.
- **Use a substitute.** If your water is hard, you can try a combination of soap and washing soda. But don't try it until you get more details.

Send a SASE to: The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, CA 94702.

Ask for their detergent fact sheet or, for "Tips for Doing your Laundry in an Eco-Friendly Way" visit

<http://www.ecologycenter.org/alerts/alert.php?alertID=11696>

Phone: 510.548.2220 • Fax: 510.548.2240 • info@ecologycenter.org

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pacific Time

I AM

Today I realized that I AM
the TRUTH, the LIGHT and the
WAY.

and that I have always been
the TRUTH, the LIGHT and the
WAY.

and that every one of us is
the TRUTH, the LIGHT and the
WAY.

But

Who will step forward
and lay claim to the throne?
Who will put down their weapons
and put aside the disclaimers?
Who will accept the mantle
and be absorbed by LOVE?

You'll manifest the powers!
Turn heads - TURNING HEADS!
You'll force a decision from the
multitudes.

Michael McCluskey

Submitted by **UCPC Social Action Committee**
from "50 Simple Things You Can Do To Save The Earth"
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UCPC Fundraiser Party!

Mark your calendars and prepare to celebrate! Join us for UCPC's Birthday Concert - this annual fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd. Bound to be an affair to remember, this celebration is under construction by an extraordinary team. More information will follow. If you are interested in joining our group of inspired individuals and creating an incredibly awesome event, please contact Julie Cusatis at jcusatis@earthlink.net or 402-0878 or Helen Spielman at hbs@email.unc.edu or 929-4520.

Please note:

*Nancy Peacock's Writer's Group
has been cancelled for April 22, May 13 &
27. If you are interested in her other
classes, contact her directly at
960-0404 or hestia7@bellsouth.net*

Classes, Events and Workshops

Women's Vision Circle

May 28: 5:30pm potluck, 6:15 - 8pm meeting
this evening facilitated by Carol Wills

Unity Principles & Practices Workshop

Tuesdays Apr. 25 - Jun. 6, 7-9pm
with Michael McCluskey

Learn to "Hold Healing Space" while embracing awareness of Divine Mind.

Workshop Content: 7 Classes, Homework, Research, Sharing.

Bring all the intent you can muster!

Walk Like A Living Prayer

Sat., April 29, 10am-noon: dance meditation
with Machai St. Rain

Lay Ministers are available for Pastoral Counseling Sundays after church and . . .

Mon. - Ferris Buhler: 5:30-7pm

Tues. - Laurie Brill: 12- 2pm

Lorraine Lewis: 2-4pm;

Pat Veenema: 4-6pm

Thurs.- Michael McCluskey: 12- 2pm

Machai St.Rain: 4-6pm

Fri. - Barbs Burman: 10am-2pm

on call: Judy Bosniadis 260-0824

Shawna Donaldson 942-7266

Benefits for Mark Malachi

* **ACIM Symposium** at UCPC May 20, 1 - 5pm

* **Silent Auction & Music at CCC's Piano Bar**

in Raleigh, Sat., May 20, 9pm - midnight

~Mention "Mark Malachi Benefit" & get in FREE!~

If you can help, contact Mariposa Linden:
960-5092 or linden-13@earthlink.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS NOT TO MISS

Potluck & Community Meeting May 7
after the service

Healing Circle Mondays 7 - 8pm

- * Friday Night Live! teen night 7:30 - 10pm May 5
- * Interfaith Worship Service Thurs. May 11, 7:30pm
- * Unity Principles & Practices Workshop
continues Tuesdays, through June 6, 7-9pm
with Michael McCluskey
- * Walk Like a Living Prayer - sacred dance with
Machai St. Rain, Sat., 5/27 10am - noon
- * Women's Vision Circle: Sun., May 28, 5:30 potluck,
6:15-8pm meeting, this time facilitated by
Carol Wills

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- * A Course in Miracles Symposium 1 - 5pm at UCPC
Saturday, May 20
- * Silent Auction & Music at CCC's Piano Bar
in Raleigh, Sat., May 20, 9pm - midnight
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Shawna Donaldson: Wed. 10am - noon; Michael McCluskey:
Thurs., 12 - 2pm; Machai St. Rain: Thurs. 4 - 6pm; Barbs
Burman: Fri. 10am - 2pm; and Judy Bosniadis on call 260-
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UCPC Prayer & Care:

24-hour Prayer Line 968-1854
Prayer Box (Front Foyer)
Silent Unity (800) 669-7729 www.silentunity.org

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Marilyn Grubbs, mgrubbs@nc.rr.com, or Michael McCluskey,
mjmcc1@aol.com by the 10th of month.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p>BIRTHDAY CORNER MAY Michael McCluskey, Charlie Johnston, Cathy Teasley, Mia Kaplan, Judy Blocher, Jesse Talbot, Mary Ann Warner, Janis Dorr, Maryphyllis Horn</p>	<p>1 Healing Circle 7 - 8pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>RIF A'1 MARUFI (SUF1) 8 - 11pm <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>2 Prayer Team 1pm</p> <p>Unity Principles 7 - 9pm <i>upstairs</i></p>	<p>3 Noon Prayer</p> <p>Lay Ministry Team 6:30pm <i>Chapel</i></p> <p>Wild Bunch 8-9:30pm <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>4 CHOIR Rehearsal 7:30pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>RIF A'1 MARUFI (SUF1) 9pm - midnight <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>5 FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE! 7 - 10pm <i>Sanctuary & Kitchen</i></p>	<p>6 UCPC workday - upstairs noon - 6pm</p>	
<p>7 POTLUCK & Community Meeting after church</p> <p>Meditation: 9:30 - 10:30am Adult Forum: 9:45 - 10:45am</p> <p>11am - 12:30pm Service Speaker: Laurie Brill "Choosing Prosperity Now" Music: Joyful Noise Choir</p> <p>7:30pm A Course In Miracles <i>Mark's Office</i></p>	<p>8 Healing Circle 7 - 8pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>RIF A'1 MARUFI (SUF1) 8 - 11pm <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>9 Prayer Team 1pm</p> <p>Unity Principles 7 - 9pm <i>upstairs</i></p>	<p>10 Noon Prayer</p> <p>Wild Bunch 8-9:30pm <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>11 Interfaith Worship 7:30pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>RIF A'1 MARUFI (SUF1) 9pm - midnight <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 IFC Kitchen call Simon Kaplan 932-8858 to register</p>	
<p>14 Meditation: 9:30 - 10:30am Adult Forum: 9:45 - 10:45am</p> <p>FAMILY SERVICE 11am - 12:30pm Service Speaker: Machai St. Rain "A Mother's Love" Music: Marilyn Grubbs & Chas Barber</p> <p>7:30pm A Course In Miracles <i>Mark's Office</i></p>	<p>15 Healing Circle 7 - 8pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>RIF A'1 MARUFI (SUF1) 8 - 11pm <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>16 Prayer Team 1pm</p> <p>Unity Principles 7 - 9pm <i>upstairs</i></p>	<p>17 Noon Prayer</p> <p>Lay Ministry Team 6:30pm <i>Chapel</i></p> <p>Wild Bunch 8-9:30pm <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>18 RIF A'1 MARUFI (SUF1) 9pm - midnight <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 ACIM Symposium Benefit for Mark 1 - 5pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>Benefit for Mark at CCCs Piano Bar 9pm - 12am DUPT 7:30 - 9:30pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p>	
<p>21 Meditation: 9:30 - 10:30am Adult Forum: 9:45 - 10:45am 11am - 12:30pm Service Speaker: Michael Newton "Celtic Spirituality" Music: Michael Newton & Rhiannon Giddens</p> <p>Board Meeting 12:30 - 3:30pm</p> <p>Keys of Enoch 2 - 5pm <i>Chapel</i></p> <p>7:30pm A Course In Miracles</p>	<p>22 Healing Circle 7 - 8pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>Social Action Team 7pm <i>Mark's Office</i></p> <p>RIF A'1 MARUFI (SUF1) 8 - 11pm <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>23 Prayer Team 1pm</p> <p>Unity Principles 7 - 9pm <i>upstairs</i></p>	<p>24 Noon Prayer</p> <p>Wild Bunch 8-9:30pm <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>25 CHOIR Rehearsal 7:30pm</p> <p>RIF A'1 MARUFI (SUF1) 9pm - midnight <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Walk Like a Living Prayer - dance meditation 10am - noon <i>Sanctuary</i></p>	
<p>28 Meditation: 9:30 - 10:30am Adult Forum: 9:45 - 10:45am</p> <p>11am - 12:30pm Service Speaker: Pat Veenema "Dealing With Anger" Music: The Transzenders</p> <p>Worship Team 1:15pm at EarthFare</p> <p>Women's Vision Circle 5:30pm potluck, meet 6:15 - 8pm Carol Wills, facilitating <i>upstairs</i></p> <p>7:30pm A Course In Miracles <i>Mark's Office</i></p>	<p>29 Healing Circle 7 - 8pm <i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>RIF A'1 MARUFI (SUF1) 8 - 11pm <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>30 Prayer Team 1pm</p> <p>Unity Principles 7 - 9pm <i>upstairs</i></p>	<p>31 Noon Prayer</p> <p>Lay Ministry Team 6:30pm <i>Chapel</i></p> <p>Wild Bunch 8-9:30pm <i>Sanctuary + Kitchen</i></p>	<p>UNITY CARES We pray with these people during the month of May :</p> <p><i>Holly Culton, Frances Dionne, Karen Moore, Gaines Steer, Rebecca Sugg, Annie Taft, Dan & Rio Watson, Wendy White, Sue White-Baisley, Heather Williams & Mary Katherine Williams</i></p>			

